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Attorney's Docket No. 9303-39

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In re: Watte et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed February 1, 2006.

If any extension of time for the accompanying Amendment and Response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.